SIGNED this 27th day of April, 2011.

Ronald B. King
United States Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Leif M. Clark United States Bankruptcy Judge

Craig A. Gargotta
United States Bankruptcy Judge

H. Christopher Mott United States Bankruptcy Judge

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT Western District of Texas

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STANDING ORDER REGARDING MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that effective **July 1, 2011**, all petitions, motions, pleadings, briefs, proofs of claim and other documents must be filed electronically pursuant to electronic filing procedures established by this court's Administrative Procedures for Filing, Signing and Verifying Documents by Electronic Means - except as expressly provided below:

- 1. **Pro Se Debtor Filing** Debtors without legal representation may not file pleadings and other papers in a case electronically.
- 2. **Pro Se Creditor Filing** Creditors that are not represented by counsel are not required to file documents electronically, unless the number of documents filed by an individual creditor exceeds six (6) per month. These documents include but are not limited to reaffirmation agreements, proofs of claims, transfers of claims, notice requests, notice of change of payment

address and notice of payment changes.

3. **Documents Filed Under Seal** - A motion to file a document(s) under seal shall be filed electronically; however the actual document(s) to be sealed shall be filed conventionally, on paper after the order granting the motion has been entered as in accordance with L.R. 9018. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court is directed to decline to accept for filing any pleading and other documents submitted in paper format after the mandatory date except by those filers specifically set forth above. In an emergency, an attorney not admitted to practice before the Western District of Texas and not having an office in this district, may file a document(s) in paper form if it is impracticable to become a ECF registrant or engage local counsel prior to filing the document(s). However, the paper filing must be accompanied by a separate motion seeking leave to file in paper form and showing cause for not becoming a ECF registrant and for not engaging local counsel in time to file the document(s) electronically. If the motion for leave is not granted, the document(s) may be stricken by the court without prior notice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the Court's ECF site is unable to accept filings for an extended period of time, a party whose filing is made untimely as the result of a technical failure may seek appropriate relief from the Court through the filing of a motion. The Court shall determine whether a technical failure has occurred on a case-by-case basis.

IT SO ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall give notice of this Order by service through the Clerk's electronic mailing list manager and posting a copy on the Court's official website. A notice regarding the effective date of mandatory electronic filing will be posted in the public intake area of each divisional office.